

# "THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

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Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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## He Opened His Mouth In Blasphemy Against God

(Revelation 13:6)



This issue continues the study of the antichrist focusing upon the blasphemous acts.

### Review

Two months ago we read all four uses of the word "antichrist" as recorded in the epistles of John. While reading those verses, we discovered many things including the fact that antichrist is not something of the future only but actually existed in the days of the apostles. It is just that in the future, antichrist will become fully exposed.

Last month we discovered many of the activities of the Antichrist and found a reference to a much larger discussion – blasphemy.

### What is told about the Antichrist in regards to blasphemy?

*"And he shall speak [great] words against the most High" (Daniel 7:25).*

*"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy" (Revelation 13:1).*

*"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies" (Revelation 13:5)*

*"And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven" (Revelation 13:6).*

*"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy" (Revelation 17:3).*

### How is blasphemy gotten away with?

Paul explains how. *"Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so*

*that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).* That is not a falling away as in leaving the church, but rather a spiritual falling away allowed by the congregations.

How many believe the Bible is the Word of God? Last survey taken by ABC News just a few years ago stated only eight percent believed in such. We definitely are in the fallen away phase, which means Antichrist can go unchallenged – unchallenged by the Word of God. How many in the congregations read the Bible on their own anymore? And we are not talking daily devotionals. How many actually study the Word of God these days? And if people do, how long do you suppose? Very little to none of people's time on average is spent truly in the Word.

### Analyzing the warnings of blasphemy

So we see according to Daniel that the Antichrist speaks words against God, which may include speaking the opposite of what God has stated.

Remember, according to John in 1 John 4:3, there is something called the "[spirit] of antichrist". That means people and even ministers may not be directly part of the antichrist but may unknowingly have the spirit of antichrist in them.

Take for instance, Christ said, *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:17-19).* As far as I can tell, heaven and earth have not passed away yet. Further, the apostles even taught to keep the commandments. *"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou*

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**Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.**

## Debt Reduction Progress

Over our 10 year history, \$80,000 accumulated in ministry debt both from short periods of time of not being able to cover all of the expenses and the over 4 year period (Jan. 2004 - May 2007) when we personally could not sustain this ministry.

He had lost his employment due to religious conflict. Without that income we were not able to sustain this ministry and so the debt accumulated.

Now financial blessings are occurring in his employment, but in order to recover financially it requires him to work very long hours. Can you help eliminate this ministry debt faster?

### OVERALL STATS:

**\$80,000** Starting Balance  
**- 10,429** Readership  
**- 33,976** O'Donnell's  
**\$35,595** Current Balance

### JUNE STATS:

**\$35,689** Prior Balance  
**- 94** Readership  
**- 0** O'Donnell's  
**\$35,595** Current Balance

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*commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law"* (James 2:10-11). *"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law"* (Romans 3:31). *"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him"* (1 John 2:4).

The antichrist will *"think to change times and laws"* (Daniel 7:25). So the spirit of antichrist will unknowingly say things like, "The law has been changed", "We're not under that law", "The commandments were nailed to the cross", "The commandments have been abolished", "We're not under the law but under grace", etc. In other words, the spirit of antichrist teaches against Christ who taught that the law still exists. We do not keep the law to earn heaven, but because heaven has been given to us we live as a citizen of heaven obeying the laws of heaven, which supercedes any earthly government. Thus saith the Lord, *"I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people"* (Hebrews 8:10).

In more than one verse above we see blasphemy involves names. In other words, the spirit of Antichrist takes names that belong to God. For instance, *"Holy and reverend [is] his name"* (Psalms 111:9), not ours! *"And call no [man] your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven"* (Matthew 23:9). And that is not referring to dear old dad. Even the Bible uses the word "father" to refer to a parent, grandparent, etc. The spirit of antichrist sees nothing wrong in using names that refer to God as their own. Now in many cases, tradition has innocently blinded many eyes. But it does not have to stay that way. All of us have a choice.

And evidently the spirit of antichrist is very busy for it blasphemous God's tabernacle. Now keep in mind that the term "tabernacle" refers to a place where people come to meet with God (Exodus 25:8-9). The term tabernacle has referred to a table of sacrifice but in most parts, the word has very little usage today among Christians. But God's people still meet with Him in a building. We Christians call it church. So the spirit of antichrist blasphemous God's church.

Now an issue happened in Jesus' day that gives us insight to today's blasphemy. *"And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them"* (Matthew 21:12-14).

Wrong activity happening in the church which is supposed to be dedicated to serving the needs of the "unchurched" is what is happening. Does the congregation respect the meeting place or

does all kinds of activity occur in there because there is no space anywhere else? One particular church would push the pews away and lower the basketball hoops. It is one thing to have a church service in a gym for lack of space but it is another to temporarily turn a dedicated sanctuary into a basketball court.

Now your church may not be this extreme, but what else is going on in your church in the sanctuary area? It may not even be activities outside of church time. It can be right in the middle of the church service. In one church a known pornographer assisted in the church service and held a high position in the church solely because he well funded the church. That is blasphemous.

One church allowed a pastor to remain as the pastor while his wife sat in the congregation. What is wrong with that you may ask? The pastor's ex-wife sat on the other side of the church with unreconciled feelings. A couple years earlier the pastor had an affair, divorced his wife, and married the woman of the affair. The pastor claimed forgiveness of God for his actions. Although he may have been forgiven, this pastor was to be married to only one wife (1 Timothy 3:2) and until death of the wife (Romans 7:2). In God's eyes he is currently married to two wives. He may only be a pastor again when he is married to only one wife otherwise this is blasphemous.

What about irreverence? The Bible teaches there is to be silence (Habakkuk 2:20) and yet many are talking and laughing both before and during the service. Special musical performances and other similar events have people praising others instead of praising God. Is there buying and selling of items, advertising them, distributing them? Has worship time been turned into a social affair or are the people there solely to meet with God?

In many congregations, the Bible has been set aside or excused away for the allowance of these and other such activities? That is blasphemous.

And the spirit of antichrist blasphemous those that dwell in heaven. Though we could go into great depth on this subject, just the lack of respect for heavenly beings inside our churches is evidence enough that we do not have to worry about antichrist of the future. The spirit of antichrist is quite active. Calling God the "Man upstairs"; saying to Jesus, "Hey, you get down here" right in the middle of a sermon, and much more are all blasphemous activities.

### Conclusion

It is time to focus on the here and now. It is time to rid ourselves and our congregations of the spirit of antichrist. The spirit of Christ wants everything tested by a "Thus saith the Lord" (Isaiah 8:20, 1 Thessalonians 5:21). Will you?

## DO YOU HAVE A TSTL FOR THAT?

The purpose of these Bible studies is to help you seek for a TSTL—"Thus Saith the Lord..." for all that you believe. May you go forward in this study with that goal.



### God The Father Is On Trial

1. What are God's people called to be? **Luke 24:48, Isaiah 43:12**
2. As our example, Jesus is what type? **Revelation 3:14**
3. What is given to those that obey him so as to be able to carry out our calling? **Acts 5:32**
4. Which law compels God's people to obey in all ways and choose not to sin? **Mark 10:19**
5. If we do not represent Christ rightly, what may we face? **Proverbs 19:9**
6. Why is the gospel preached? **Matthew 24:14**

### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

#### The Gospel

1. Does it matter which version of the gospel, messages, beliefs you have? **Galatians 1:6-9** "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Evidently there are multiple gospels and not all are the correct gospel.
2. What is the gospel used for? **Matthew 24:14** "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."
3. What are God's people to do with the gospel? **Mark 16:15** "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."
4. What will God use the gospel for? **Romans 2:16** "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."
5. What are hearers of the gospel supposed to do? **Romans 10:16** "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?"
6. How many nations, tongues, and people is the gospel to go to? **Revelation 14:6** "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people"

## ART THOU IN HEALTH (2 Samuel 20:9)



### Exercise

Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it

and to keep it.

In a land that was perfect and without sin, God saw it best to have people exercise and labor. One would think there would be no work to do. It was not like weeds were growing, insects needing dealt with, or even plants dying for there is no death in a perfect environment. Yet,

Adam and Eve worked or exercised their muscles in the garden.

That tells us that in an imperfect world with sin, where death does occur, we can prolong that experience through proper exercise as well. We were not placed on this planet to enjoy the laziness of doing nothing while everyone else serves us. Rich and poor, weak and strong, young and old can do something in the line of exercising. Unless one is totally paralyzed, there is no excuse for lack of exercise.

## Think On These Things

### Because They Received Not The Love Of The Truth

Thus Saith the Lord, "Love the truth and peace" (Zechariah 8:19) and "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18).

When a discussion begins that boils down to what is right and what is wrong, is your first reaction to cease the discussion because you are afraid it may lead to hard feelings between people? When you have believed something for so long and someone points out that it was error and calls you to step up to the truth, is your reaction of justification so that you can continue in your ways?

If a person is unwilling to sacrifice all for the truth, Jesus says, "this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). Though the words are strong, especially when people have practiced error for so long without knowing, to call it evil causes one to deny that they are in error. They see following the new truth to be harder than staying in the old error. But Thus saith the Lord, "The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). So if a person is unwilling to love the truth that much, we then see why people will be lost in the end. Thus saith the Lord, "With all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (2 Thessalonians 2:10).

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## **WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?** (Isaiah 53:1)



» **World Net Daily, May 29, 2008 - Guv strikes state's gender-specific restrooms**

With today's signature on SB200, Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter, a Democrat, has struck gender-specific restrooms and locker rooms statewide, giving woman and girls reason to fear being confronted by predators, cross-dressers "or even a homosexual or heterosexual male," according to a critic. The state's new "transgender nondiscrimination" bill makes it illegal to deny a person access to public accommodations including restrooms and locker rooms based on gender identity or the "perception" of gender identity. "Who would have believed that the

Colorado state legislature and its governor would have made it fully legal for men to enter and use women's restrooms and locker-room facilities without notice or explanation?" said James Dobson.

**COMMENT:** Genesis 2:24-25

*"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."* Marriage is when you are allowed to see the opposite gender naked. In the mean time, all precautions to avoid accidental exposure is to be taken! This new law reverses that concept.

» **WorldNetDaily, June 9, 2008 - Government to pastor: Renounce your faith!**

The Canadian government has ordered a Christian pastor to renounce his faith and never again express moral opposition to homosexuality, according to a new report.

**COMMENT:** Matthew 10:18-19 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

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